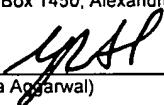


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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 18, 2006 (Paper No. 20060514), for which a response was due on August 18, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.